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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2389

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARREST OF SALVADORAN COS MANUEL ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2377, B STATE 123537

1. AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT MOLINA, DCM AND I CALLED ON HIM
THIS MORNING TO REVIEW RODRIGUEZ CASE TO FULL EXTENT OF

OUR KNOWLEDGE. MOLINA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MIN DEF ROMERO,
DEFENSE UNDER SECRETARY YANES CASTILLO AND FON MIN
BORGONOVO. DCM HAD GONE OVER SAME GROUND WITH BORGONOVO
ON MAY 21 AND WITH FON OFF UNDER SECRETARY CASTANEDA
THE NEXT DAY.

2. MOLINA REITERATED HIS INTEREST IN GETTING FROM US
THE OFFICIAL REPORT WHICH DEPARTMENT REQUESTED FROM U.S.
ATTORNEY AS PER REFTEL B; AND WE ASSURED HIM THAT
WE WOULD TRANSMIT IT AS SOON AS IT BECAME AVAILABLE.
MIN DEF ROMERO ASKED WHEN DECISION ON INDICTMENT COULD
BE EXPECTED AND WE SPECULATED THAT IT MIGHT BE LATER THIS
WEEK. MOLINA ALSO NOTED THAT ON MAY 21 RODRIGUEZ WAS
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REMOVED FROM ACTIVE DUTY LIST, RETIRED AND REPLACED

AS CHIEF-OF-STAFF BY COL. ARMANDO LEONIDAS ROJAS, FORMERLY THIRD BRIGADE COMMANDER IN SAN MIGUEL. THIS MOVE ALSO PRODUCED SIX ADDITIONAL SHIFTS OF KEY MILITARY COMMANDERS. MOLINA NOTED WITH RELIEF AND APPRECIATION THAT THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT HAD DISCREETLY REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING ON THE RODRIGUEZ CASE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE MOLINA AND THE OTHER SALVADORAN OFFICIALS STILL APPEARED TO BE APPREHENSIVE, AS WELL THEY MIGHT, WE NO LONGER PERCEIVED THE FEELING OF CRISIS THAT PERSISTED MOST OF LAST WEEK AS THE RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.
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